

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2001 - 063

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND AMEND, IF NECESSARY, CONTRACT(S) TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

WHEREAS:

- Approximately 3.5 million Californians use onsite sewage disposal systems.
2. This type of sewage management and disposal system can adequately provide water quality and environmental protection, when properly designed, sited, constructed, maintained, and operated.
 3. Onsite sewage disposal systems can cause water quality impairment including groundwater impairment from nitrate contributions and impairment of surface waters from contributions of bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens and nutrients.
 4. Pursuant to California Water Code sections 13290 to 13291.5, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is charged with setting statewide standards or regulations for onsite sewage disposal systems. The legislative deadline established for the standards or regulations is January 1, 2004.
 5. This action will require codification and assistance with technical and procedural issues necessary to comply with other existing State statutes and regulations.
 6. The SWRCB's Fiscal Year (FY) 2000-01 budget contains \$300,000 in contract funds to initiate the Assembly Bill 885 process. A Budget Change Proposal is expected to augment the contracting process with an additional \$800,000 starting in FY 2001-02.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB authorizes the Executive Director or designee to negotiate, execute, and amend, if necessary, contract(s) to provide environmental consulting and technical services associated with the process of establishing regulations for onsite sewage disposal systems for aquifer and surface water protection, providing that such contracts not exceed a total \$1,100,000 through the end FY 2001-02.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on May 17, 2001.


Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board